

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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An apparatus for automatically latching and unlatching the lid of a container is disclosed which includes a weight pivotally mounted on the side of the container for movement between first and second positions. The weight is positively connected to a latch by a connecting rod, and as the weight pivots between first and second positions, it move the latch between latching and unlatching positions. Tipping the container causes the weight to shift thus the container is unlatched only when it is being dumped. A method for operating the latch is also disclosed.

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